



Texas Department of Public Safety Texas Division of Emergency Management State Situation Report

Event Name	Winter Weather Event (FINAL)
Date	March 6, 2015
Time	1100
Operational Period	March 6, 2015
Report Number	#4

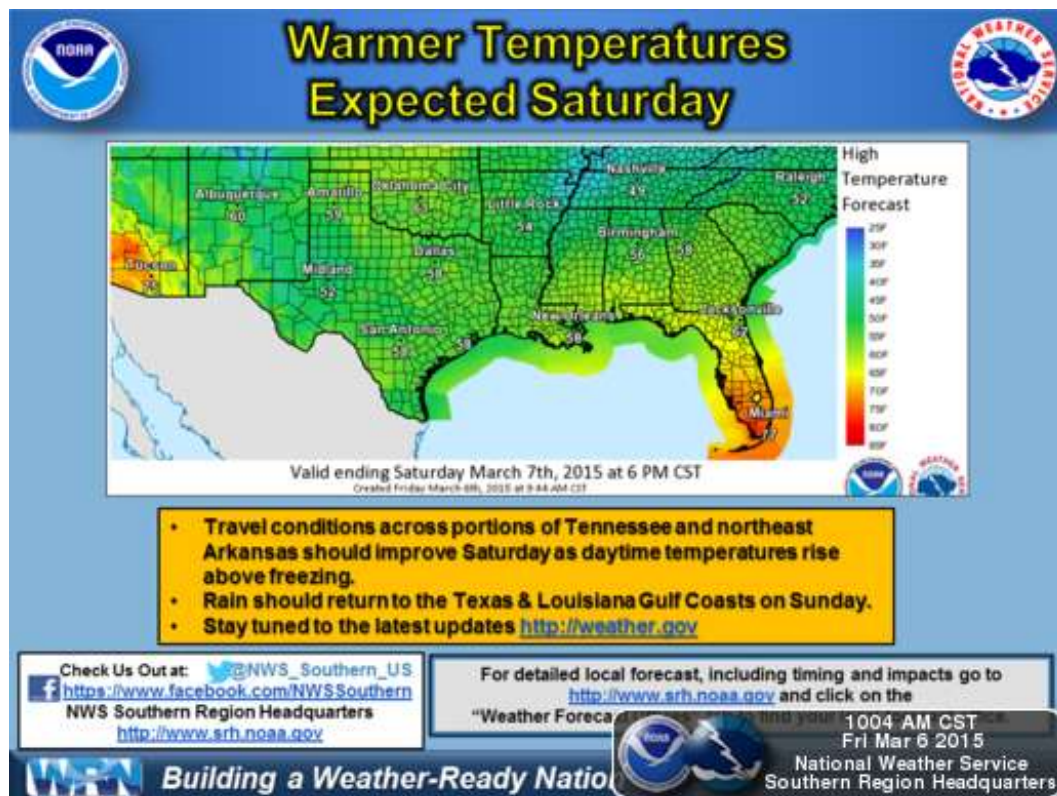
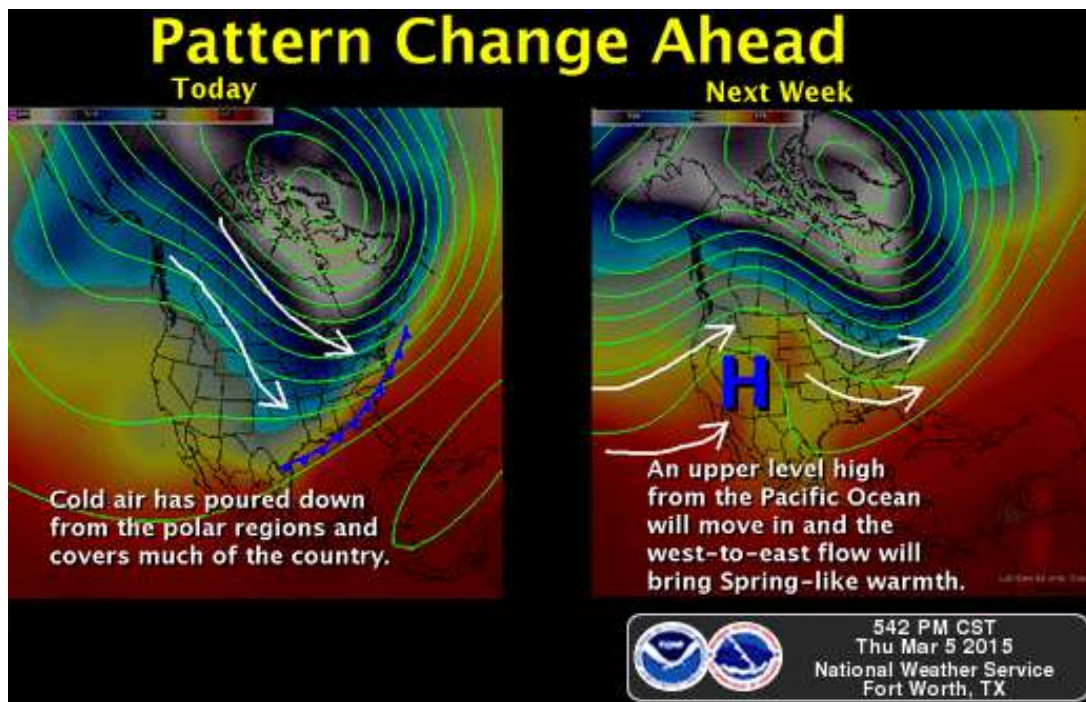
Regions Affected	
DPS Regions Affected	Regions 1, 2, 4, 5 and 6
DDCs Active	None

STATEWIDE CURRENT SITUATION:

The wintery weather has moved out of the state, however hazardous travel impacts continued in some areas (especially in the DFW and Northeast Texas area) across North, East, Central and West Texas into late afternoon. Travel impacts were primarily to bridges and overpasses except for IH20 corridor from West of Fort Worth eastward into the Tyler area and along IH30 corridor from DFW eastward towards Texarkana.

Friday morning temperatures will be below freezing in all impacted areas so any residual moisture on the roads Thursday will re-freeze Thursday night. Warmer weather is expected over the weekend.

The State Operations Center (SOC) decreased its activation level to Level IV (Normal Conditions) effective at 11 AM Thursday, March 05, 2015.





Region 1

NWS Fort Worth:

For the first time in over three weeks the forecast does not have any wintry precipitation for some part of North Central Texas in it. We are going to see a weather pattern change during the next few days from the cold one we were in to a pattern more typical of early Spring. An upper level high from the Pacific Ocean will be moving into the country and the west-to-east flow associated with it will kick out the cold air and replace it with a much warmer air mass. Friday will be sunny and warmer than Thursday with afternoon highs from the middle 40s to the lower 50s.

REGION 1 (Includes DDCs 4, 5, 6, and 22)

Roadways are clear of ice and snow, however low temperatures Thursday night, may have caused some residual ice from the water on the roadways.

Texas Department of Public Safety units continued to work crashes on IH20 and assist local agencies as needed. TxDOT continued to scrape and sand the affected highway.

Region 4

NWS Midland/Odessa:

Temperatures will begin to slowly moderate today, though will still be quite cold for this time of year. Sunshine can be expected across much of the area, save for over higher terrain to the west, which could see clouds lingering most of the day.

NWS El Paso:

A large high pressure center aloft over the west coast of the U.S. will shunt moisture off to our north and leave the Borderland with mostly sunny skies. The cool airmass in place will continue to gradually warm under the early March sun. Highs today will be about 7 to 10 degrees warmer than Thursday, but still top out around 10 degrees below normal.

NWS San Angelo:

Clear skies, light winds, and dry air will allow temperatures to fall into the lower 20s across much of West Central Texas. Some low-lying areas and river valleys may dip into the mid-teens by sunrise. Normal low temperatures for this time of year are near 40 degrees.

Region 6**NWS Austin/San Antonio:**

After a widespread freeze this morning, a slow warming trend is expected Friday afternoon through Tuesday of next week. However, temperatures will remain well below average. An upper level disturbance will bring chances for showers Saturday night through Monday night.

FINAL COMMENTS: The SOC resumed Level IV (Normal Conditions) as of 11:00 am Thursday, March 05, 2015. This is the final situation report on this event.

The four levels of SOC activation are:

- Level I (Emergency Conditions)
- Level II (Escalated Response Conditions)
- Level III (Increased Readiness Conditions)
- Level IV (Normal Conditions)

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